

## Decision to Lease

Approximately 591,000 acres of public lands (371 parcels) generally available for oil and gas leasing under Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land use plans were considered for the oil and gas lease sale scheduled to be held on December 19, 2008. On November 4, 2008, approximately 359,449.92 acres on 241 parcels were proposed to be offered at the subject lease sale.

My decision is to offer approximately 163,935.26 acres on 132 parcels of BLM-administered lands with appropriate conditions and stipulations at the December 19, 2008 oil and gas lease sale.

The lands to be offered are identified by serial and parcel number on the attached list which identifies the specific conditions, terms, stipulations and notices applicable to each parcel.

All of the parcels have been reviewed to determine if existing planning and NEPA documents adequately address the issues and environmental consequences of leasing at this time. My proposal to offer parcels in the Moab, Price, Richfield and Vernal Field Offices is based on the findings and recommendations made in the relevant field offices' Determinations of NEPA Adequacy (DNAs), as modified by recommendations made by the Utah State Office Energy Support Team. Leasing of parcels within the Fillmore Field Office will be deferred until completion of Environmental Assessment UT-010-08-050 (*Oil & Gas Leasing in the Fillmore Field Office*).

Approved:

  
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